

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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GAIL FARBER, Director

August 16, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 August 16, 2011

Jachi a. Hamai SACHI A. HAMAI **EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PATHFINDER ROAD 1.300 FEET EAST OF FULLERTON ROAD TO ALEXDALE LANE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)

#### SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project to reconstruct and resurface roadway pavement on Pathfinder Road – 1,300 feet east of Fullerton Road to Alexdale Lane in the unincorporated community of Rowland Heights; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Pathfinder Road - 1,300 feet east of Fullerton Road to Alexdale Lane, roadway reconstruction and resurfacing, in the unincorporated community of Rowland Heights, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,300,000 and \$1,500,000.
- 2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on September 13, 2011, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.
- 3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a

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construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board; adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb gutter, curb ramp, and sidewalk; installation and modification of traffic signals; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

# Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing improved roadway facilities for the traveling public, which will benefit the community.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,300,000 to \$1,500,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,165,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the costs of preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project cost will be financed by the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program. The project will also be administered under the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) covered by Agreement No. 76078 with the State of California. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing highway construction and maintenance program. This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in December 2011 and be completed in April 2012.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award, execute, and implement this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to meet the State funding deadline.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

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The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors' State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On May 12, 2009, Agenda Item 71, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The award by the Director or her designee will be made after review of the bids and determination of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

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# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved roadway facilities for the traveling public thereby benefiting the community.

# **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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